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In re Application of:

Raymond W. Bennett III et al

Application No. 09/096,560

Filed: June 12, 1998

ON PETITION

For: **HOME GATEWAY SYSTEM FOR  
AUTOMATION AND SECURITY**

This is a decision on the petition filed October 1, 2002, to withdraw the holding of abandonment. The petition is being treated pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a). No fee is required.

The Notice of Abandonment was mailed September 16, 2002 for failure to file a proper reply to the Notification of Non-Compliance mailed February 11, 2002.

Petitioner asserts that a proper response was timely filed on February 28, 2002. In support of the petition, petitioner submits a copy of an Appeal Brief bearing a Certificate of Correspondence thereon dated February 28, 2002; and states "this correspondence is being deposited with the USPS as first class mail by the undersigned on February 28, 2002."

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The petition complies with the requirements stated above.

Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The Notice of Abandonment mailed on September 16, 2002 is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn. The application file is being forwarded to the Technology Center's support staff for entry of the Appeal Brief. Thereafter, the application file will be forwarded to the Examiner for further examination.

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